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1. CONSIGNMENT OF SUNGLASSES FOUND IN PORT CUSTOMS SHED IN APPARENT GOOD CONDITION EXCEPT FOR TWO CASES WHICH BROKEN OPEN. CONSIGNMENT CONSIDERED "NEGLECTED CARGO" WHICH MEANS IT TO BE SOLD BY GOVERNMENT. CONGEN IS ATTEMPTING DELAY THIS SALE.

2. IF BAUSCH AND LOMB CAN PROVIDE SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF TRANSACTION, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN WAIVER OF NORMAL RULES AND ASSIST BAUSCH OBTAIN PERMISSION TO RE-EXPORT CONSIGNMENT. FACT THAT HASSANEIN BROTHERS DID NOT COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE CARGO WHEN IT FIRST ARRIVED, AND NOW CANNOT EVEN BE LOCATED, MAKES CUSTOMS OFFICIALS SUSPECT BONA FIDES OF ARRANGEMENT. WHERE IS ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING? WHAT WERE DETAILS OF PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN BAUSCH AND HASSANEIN? WAS SHIPMENT MADE AT HASSANEIN'S REQUEST? IF SO, WHY WON'T THEY ACCEPT IT? WHAT IS HASSANEIN'S FULL ADDRESS? CONGEN REALIZES THERE UNDOUBTABLY REASONABLE ABOVE-BOARD EXPLANATION FOR ENTIRE SITUATION, BUT NEEDS ADDITIONAL DETAIL TO PRESENT TO SUSPICIOUS CUSTOMS OFFICIALS.

3. IF WE CAN PERSUADE CUSTOMS TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO RE-EXPORTING CONSIGNMENT, WILL DETERMINE WHAT STEPS BAUSCH SHOULD TAKE NEXT.

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